

# Connect Sensors to Perception via Semantic Streams



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## Me and my work

- Co-editor of W3C/OGC standard Semantic Sensor Network Ontology  
<https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-ssn/>
- Developed one of the first RDF/Semantic Stream Processing Frameworks, **CQELS** (Continuous Query Evaluation over Linked Stream) → *(Semantic) Stream Reasoning*
- Principle Investigator of the DFG project, **COSMO** (Computing Foundations for Semantic Stream Processing) → *Performance and Scalability*
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**Connect Sensors to Stream Graphs**

Program Semantic-based Perception

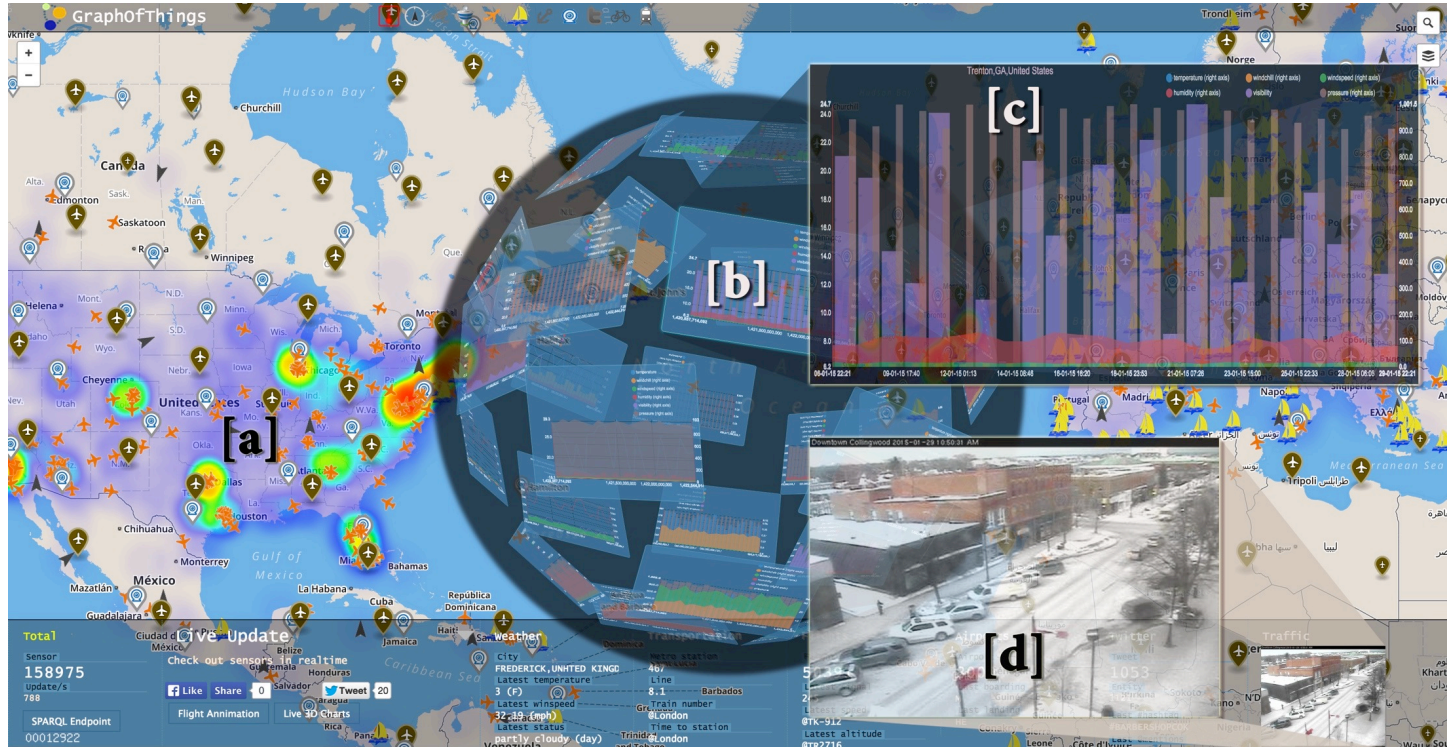
Emerging Applications

Integrate Spatial Knowledge into Perception

# Connect Sensors to the Graph of Things

(Semantic, Spatial and Temporal correlation)

<http://graphofthings.org/>: >200K live stream sources, >200 billion RDF triples/ graph edges

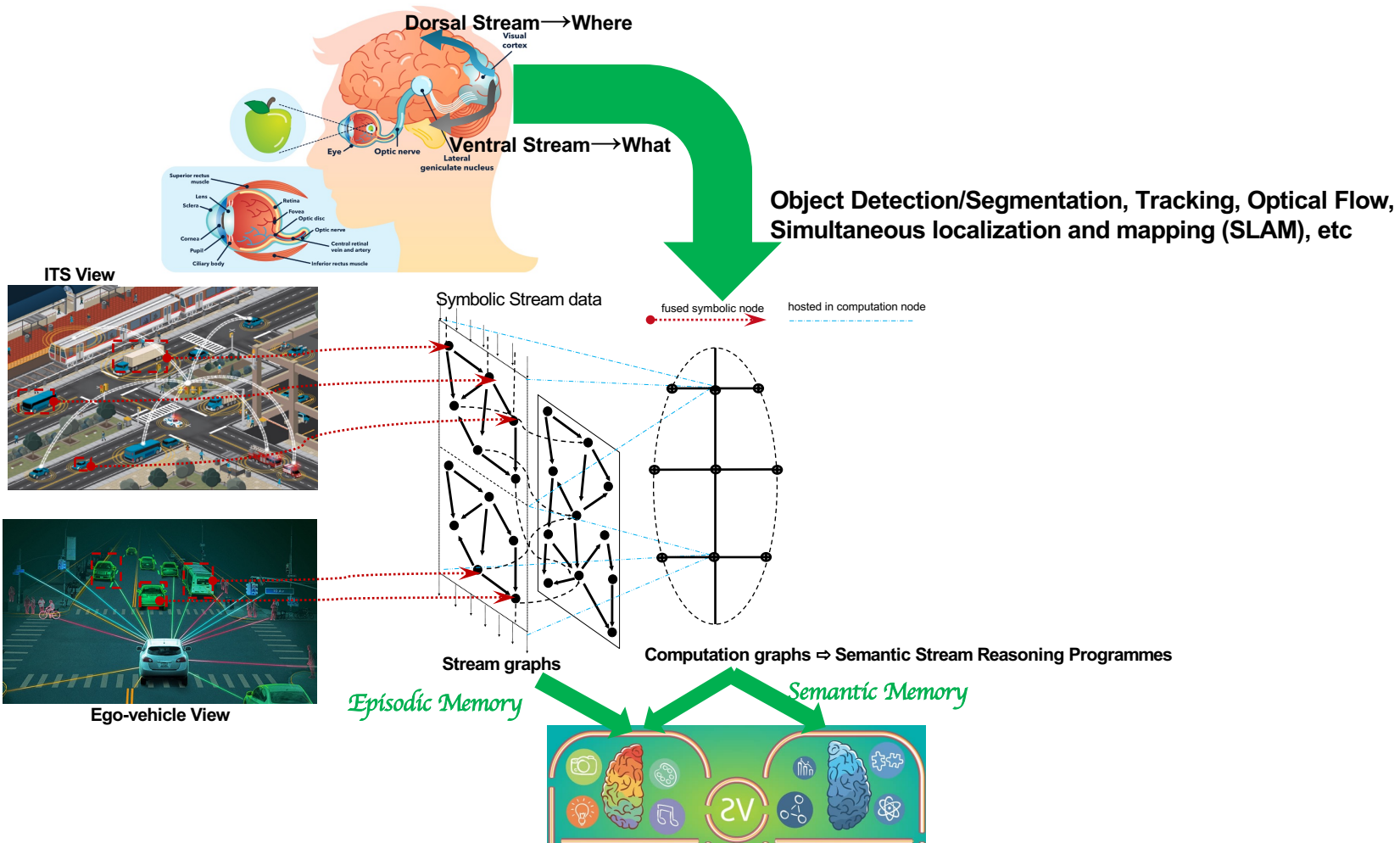




# Synergies from Cognitive Neuroscience

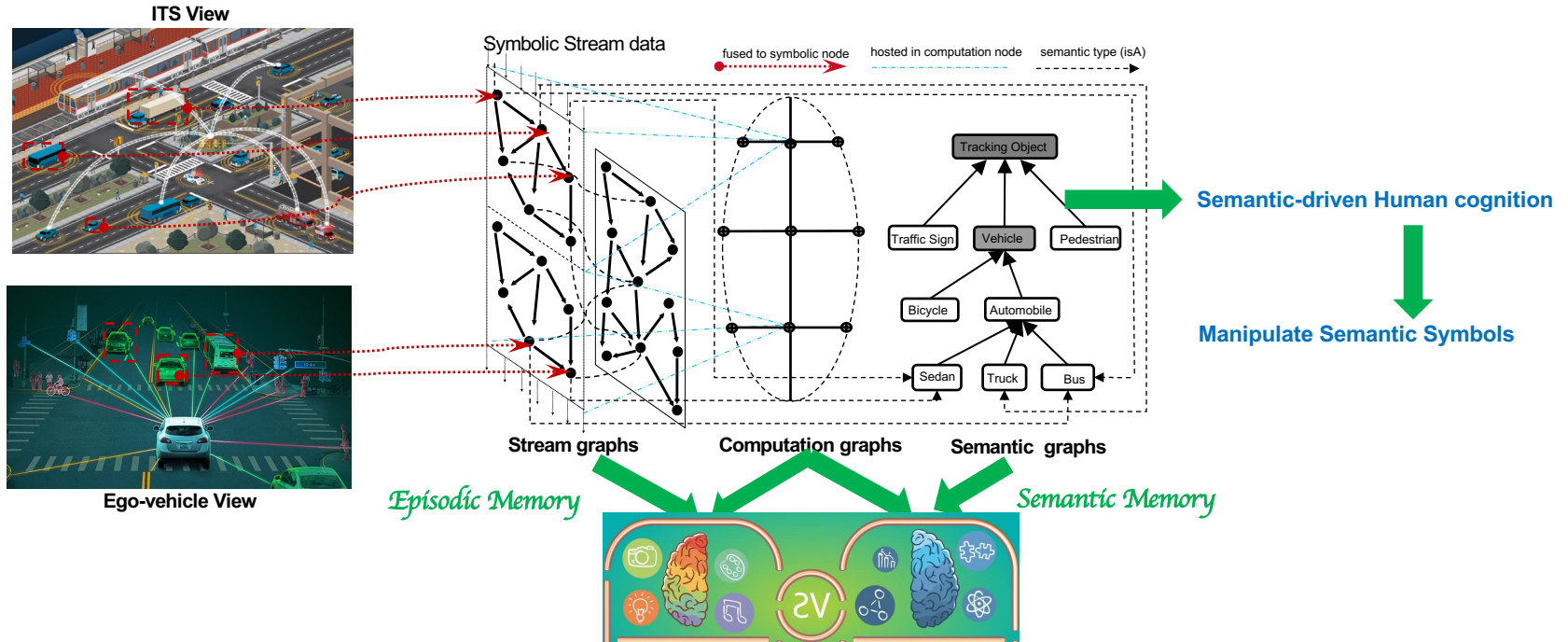
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  - ❖ **Semantic memory** is organized knowledge a person possesses about words and other verbal symbols, their meanings and referents, about the relations among them, and about rules, formulas, and algorithms for the manipulation of these symbols, concepts and relations ⇒ **Semantic Knowledge Graphs?**
  - ❖ **Episodic memory** is associated with the *events* that take place in the life of an individual. It receives and store information about temporally dated episodes or events and temporal spatial relations among these events ⇒ **Event/Stream/(Spatial-)Temporal Graphs?**
- Many studies of Cognitive Neuroscience shown interdependence in terms of encoding and retrieval ⇒ **Composability + Reasoning?**

# Semantic Memory and Episodic Memory as Semantic Streams

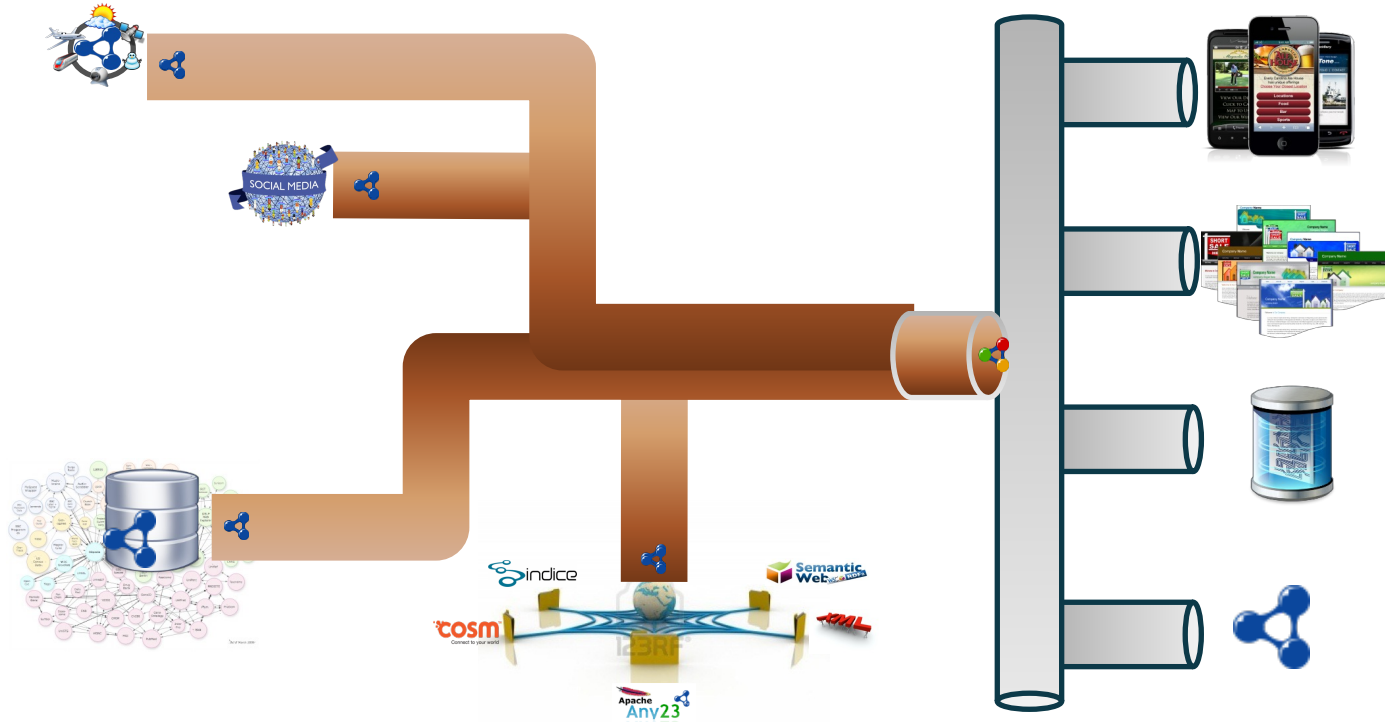


# Semantic Streams: Computation model of Semantic Memory and Episodic Memory

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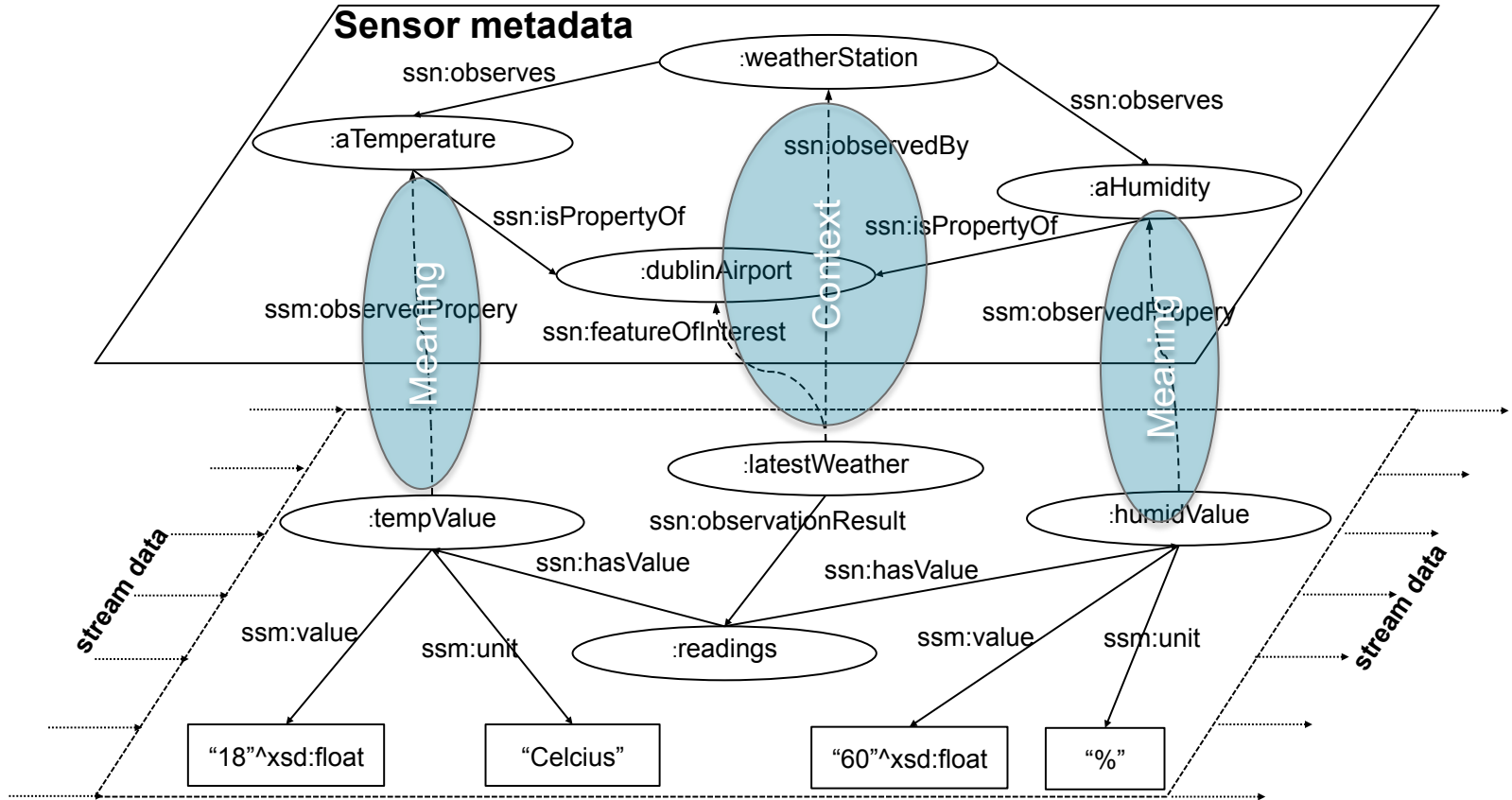
# Unified Data Integration Bus with Semantic Streams in RDF Graphs



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# Stream of Sensory Observations as Stream Graphs



W3C/OGC Semantic Sensor Network ontology

# Semantic Streams $\Rightarrow$ Semantic-driven Declarative Programming

Front Left



Front



Front right



Back Left



Back

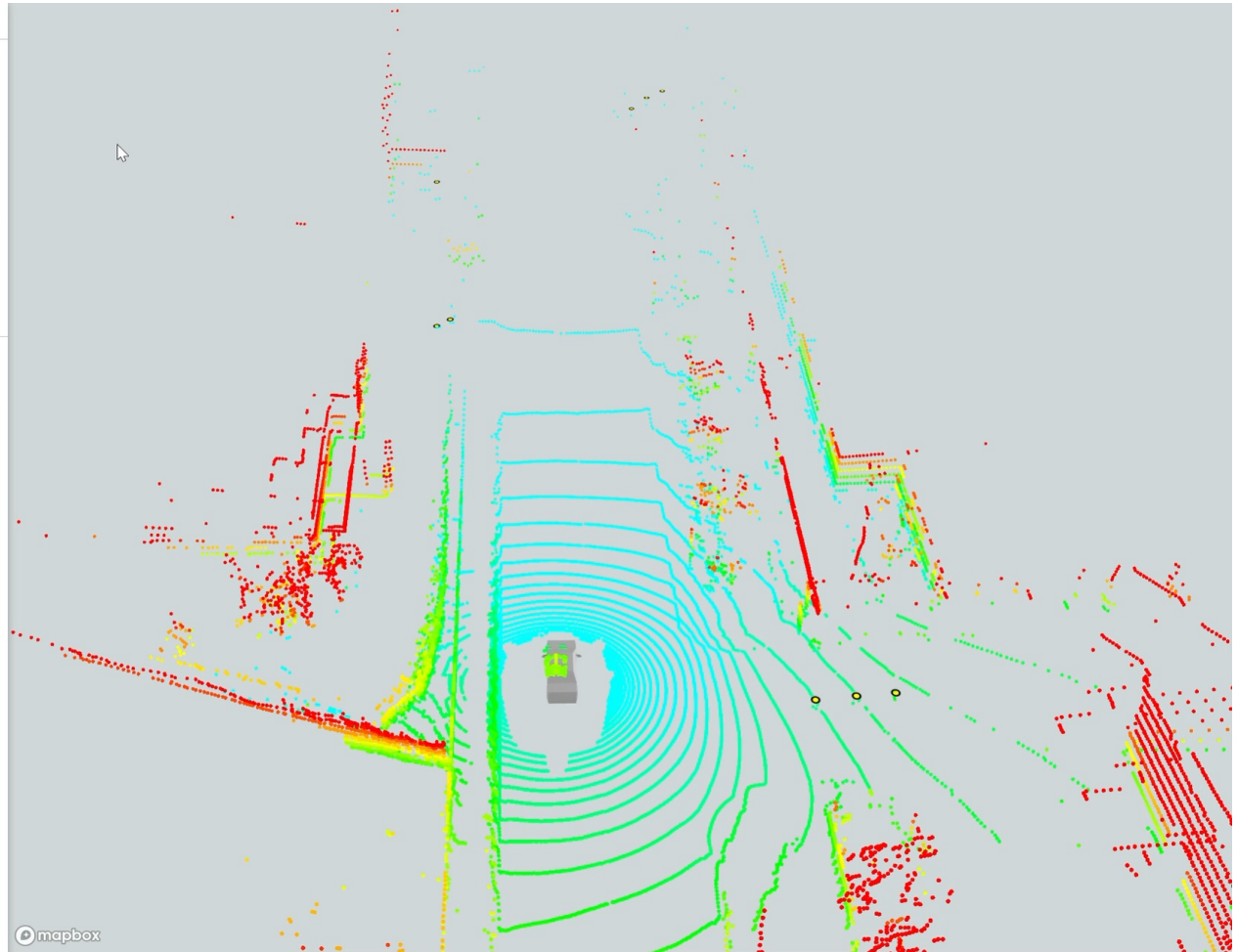


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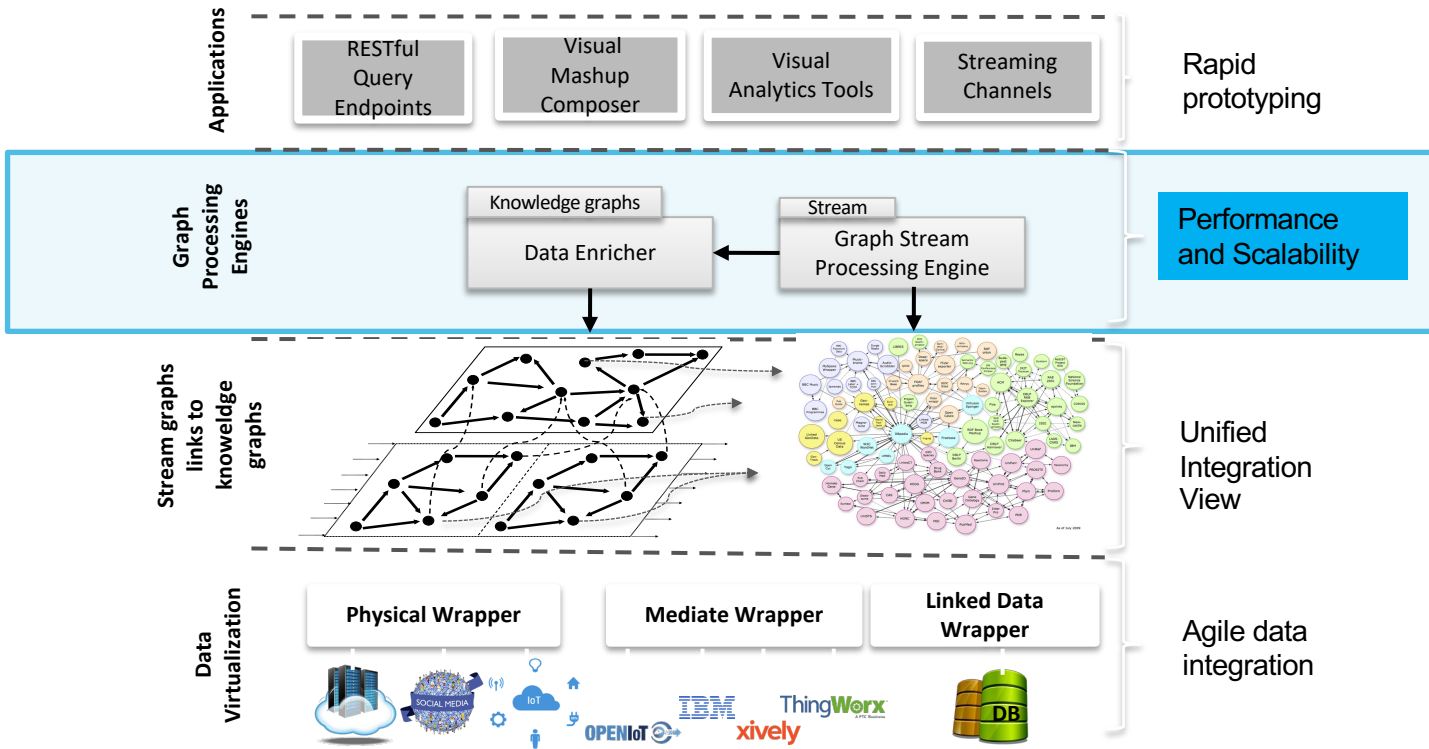


CQELS-Query:

Execute



# Unified Framework Using Processing Stream Graphs as Middleware



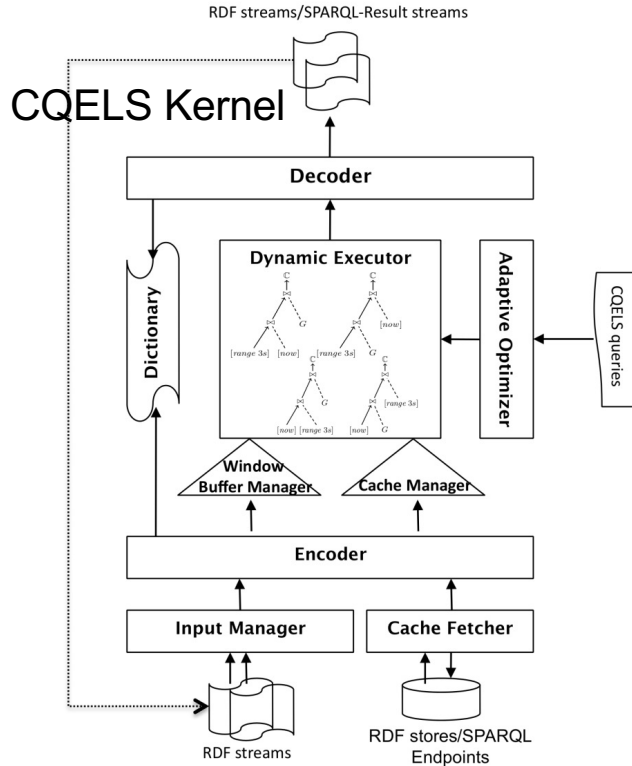
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# CQELS execution Framework: Autonomous RDF/Graph Stream Processing Kernel

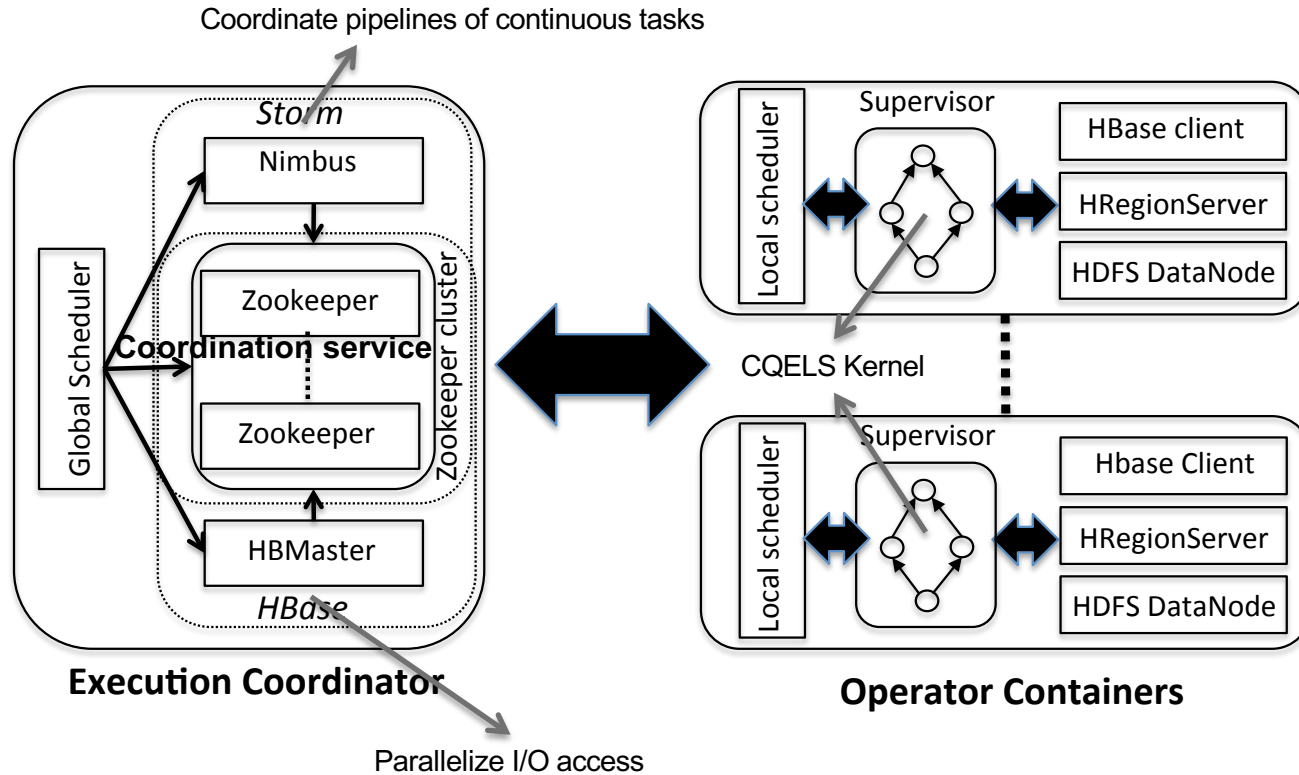


100-1000 time faster  
than Relational or RDF  
engines

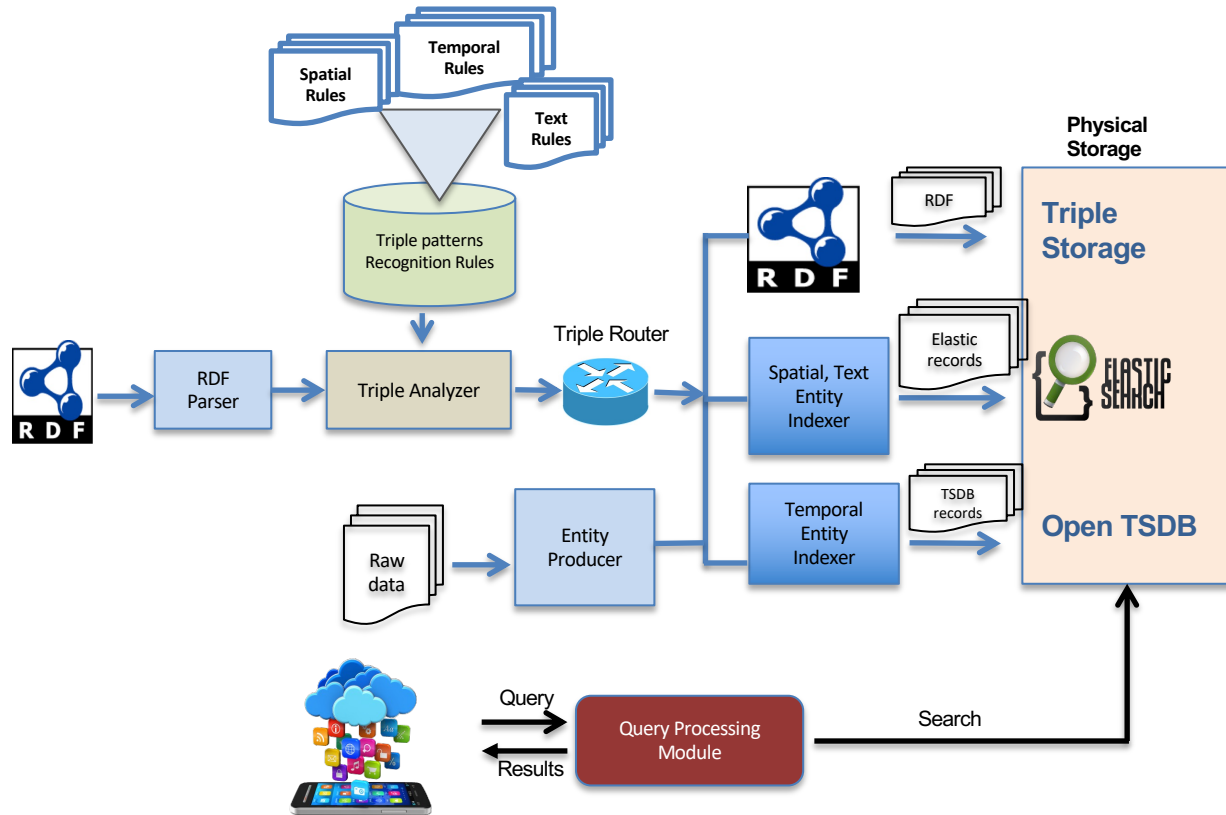
## Four key improvements:

- Native storage structure for stream graphs
- Operator-aware indexing scheme
- Adaptive optimization
- Incremental Evaluation

# Scaling Up: Scalable and Elastic Data Processing Framework



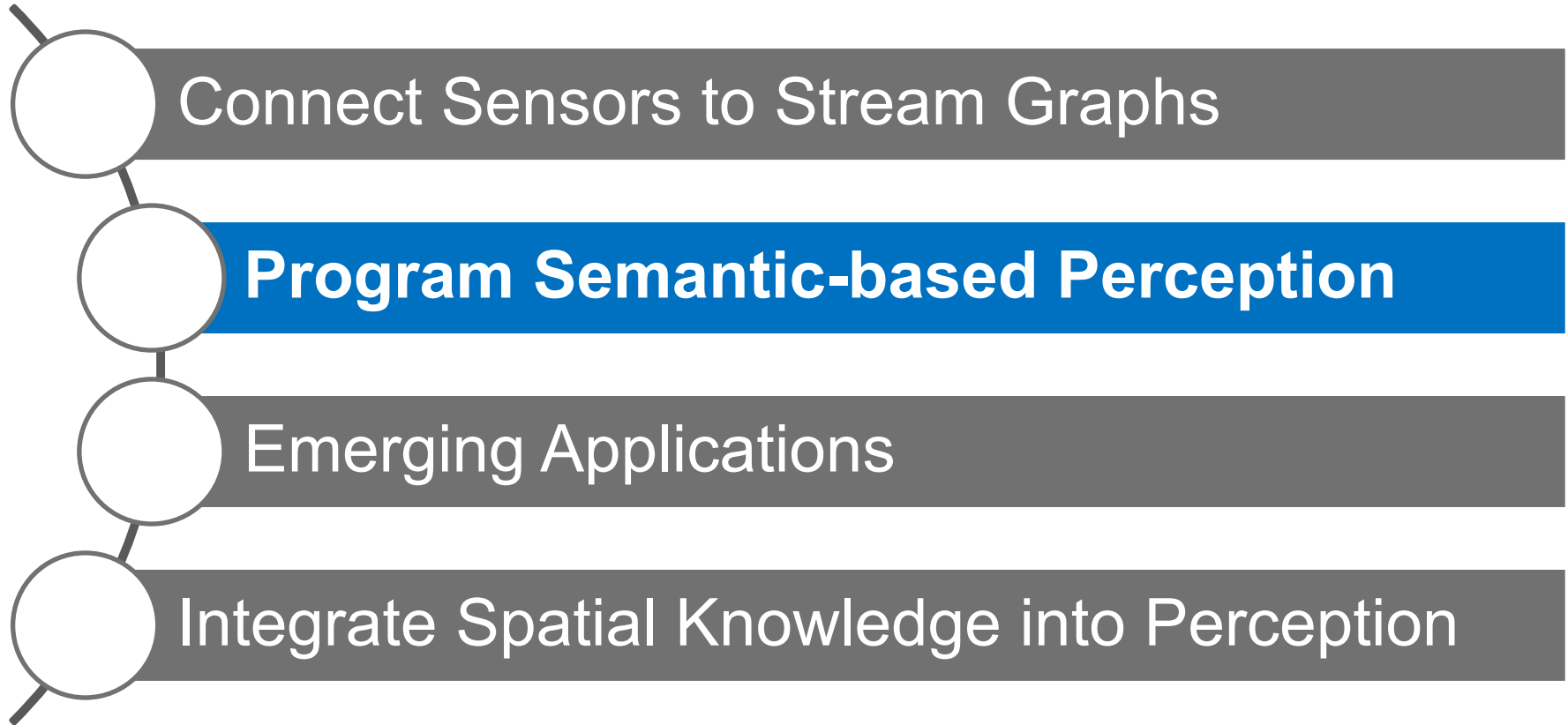
# Scaling Out: Spatial, Temporal and Semantic-based Partitioning



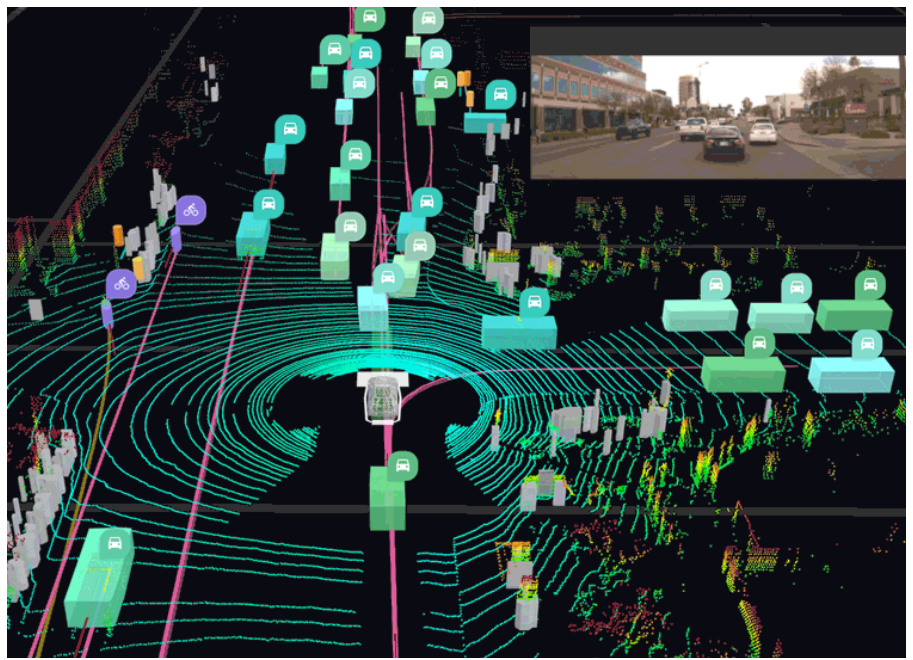
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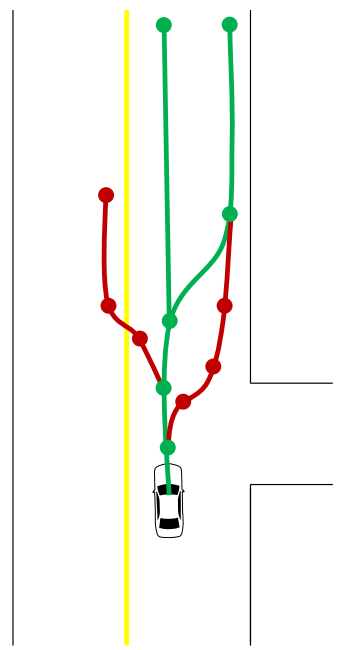
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# Declarative Programming for Multimodal Sensor Fusion



Sensor data at different formats and modalities

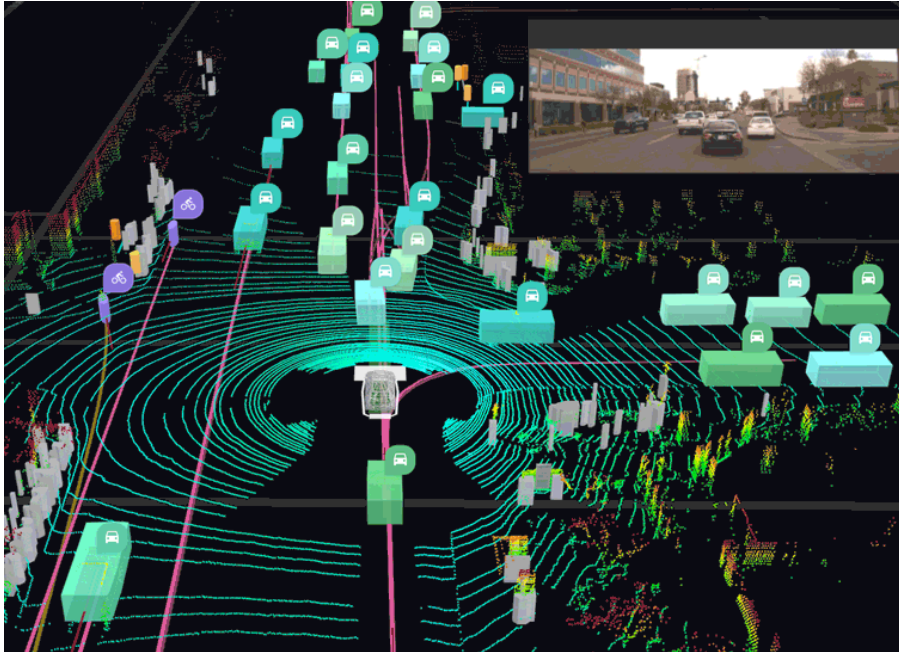


Drivability Map

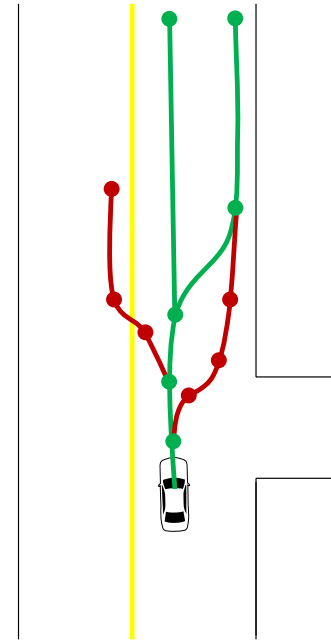
## Semantic Declarative Programming:

Write a data stream fusion pipeline *as a single query*: “**Compute Drivability Map**”?

# How???



Sensor data at different formats and modalities



Drivability Map

- A query compiler needs the reasoning capability to understand what “Drivability Map” is
- Which DNNs can consume camera, LiDARs and HD maps to detect objects/lanes to construct “Drivability Map”?
- How to connect data fusion operations to continuously compute “Drivability Map” ?

# How to Fuse Semantic Stream Data?

1. Detecting objects



An example for multiple object tracking pipeline with Deep Neural Networks (DNNs)



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2. Propagating object states (location, velocity, ...) into future frames



Stream of semantic symbols

An example for multiple object tracking (MOT) pipeline with Deep Neural Networks

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2. Propagating object states (location, velocity, ...) into future frames



3. Associating current detections with previously tracked objects,



$det(b_1, car, 0.8), det(b_3, car, 0.7),$   
 $trk(b_2, 23), trk(b_4, 5), \dots$

$det(b_5, car, 0.8),$   
 $trk(b_6, 23), trk(b_7, 5), \dots$

$det(b_8, car, 0.8),$   
 $trk(b_9, 23), trk(b_{10}, 5), \dots$

$det(b_{11}, car, 0.8), det(b_{13}, car, 0.7),$   
 $trk(b_{12}, 23), trk(b_{14}, 5)$

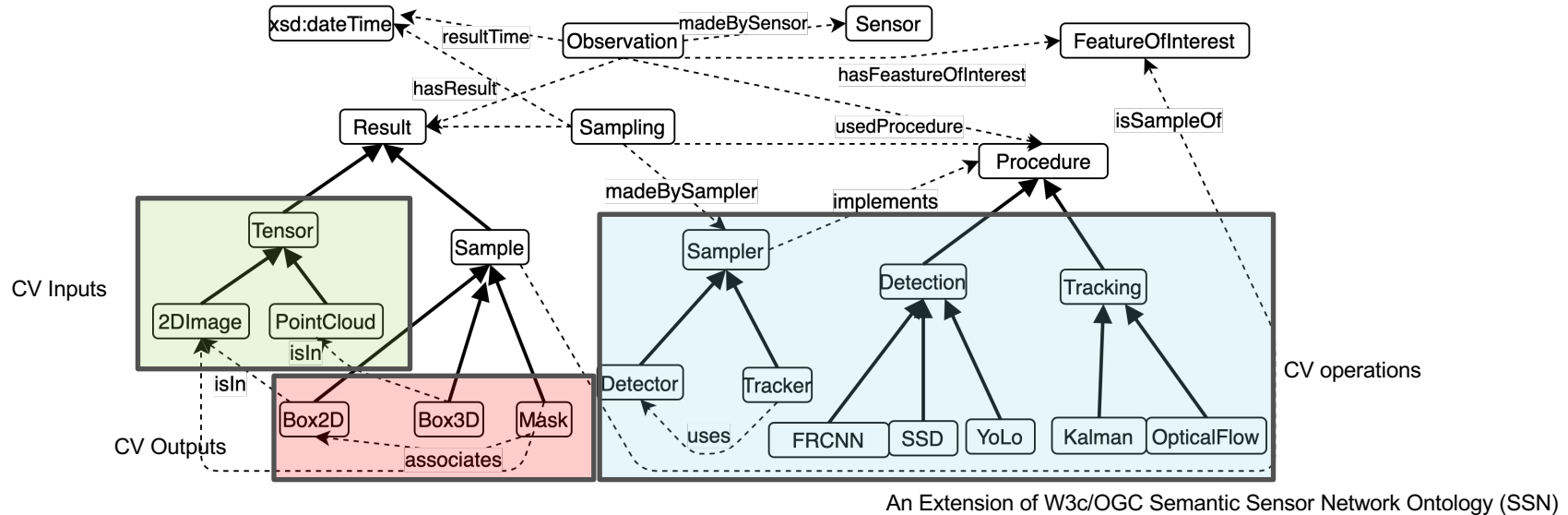


Visual match

4. managing the lifespan of tracked objects to correlate with features of detected objects

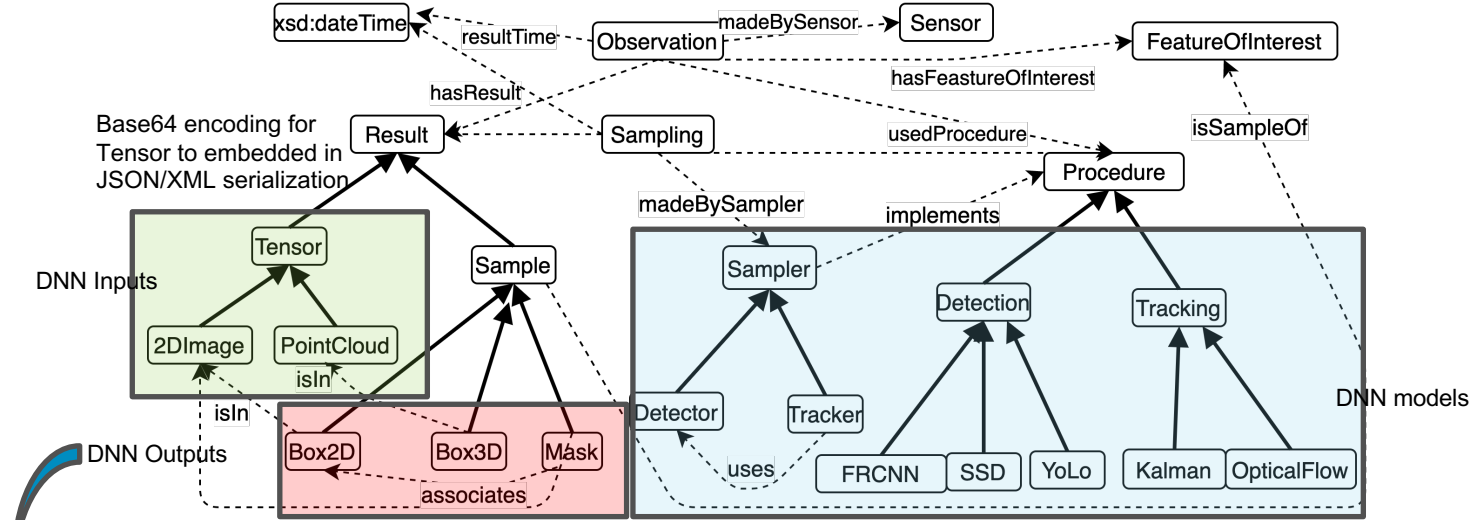
Streams of semantic symbols  $\Rightarrow$  use rules to represent association hypotheses  $\Rightarrow$  Reasoning

# Ontology for Semantic Stream Fusion



- An abstraction of DNNs as Sensors or Samplers
- Unify inputs/outputs of Sensors and DNNs → seamless integration of sub-symbolic with symbolic

# Ontology for Semantic Stream Fusion



```

// time point/frame 2
<<:det1 :det :b1>> a :car; :hasConfScore 0.8; sosa:resultTime 2.
<<:det3 :det :b3>> a :car; :hasConfScore 0.7; sosa:resultTime 2.
<<:trk23 :trk :b2>> sosa:resultTime 2.
<<:trk5 :trk :b4>> sosa:resultTime 2.
// time point/frame 3
<<:det5 :det :b5>> a :car; :hasConfScore 0.8; sosa:resultTime 3.
<<:trk23 :trk :b6>> sosa:resultTime 3.
<<:trk5 :trk :b7>> sosa:resultTime 3.
    
```

Semantic Stream in Standardized Data Format  
 RDF\* (W3C RDF-star and SPARQL-star)

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# Semantic Stream Reasoning Program

- ❖ Semantic Reasoning Program  $\Pi$  is a set of weighted rules  $r$  in the form:  $\omega : \alpha \leftarrow \beta$ 
  - $\alpha, \beta$  are **logic/symbolic formulas** (Answer Set Programming program with sliding windows, i.e. LARS program) and  $\omega \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{x\}$  is the weight of the rule
  - If  $\omega = x$ , then  $r$  is a **hard rule**, otherwise  $r$  is a **soft rule**
- ❖ The semantics of  $\Pi$  is given by
  - the answer streams of  $\mathbf{S}$  the LARS program  $\Pi_{\mathbf{S}}$  obtained from  $\Pi$  by dropping the weights
  - and for all  $r$  where  $\mathbf{S}$  is violated  $\alpha \leftarrow \beta \implies \mathbf{S}$  gets a probability  $Pr_{\Pi}(\mathbf{S})$  calculated from the weights of the rules retained for  $\Pi_{\mathbf{S}}$  following **Markov Logic Network**

# A semantic reasoning program in ASP language

ASP: Answer Set Programming

## hard-rules.ssr

```
//hard rule 1: object enters the FoV-> trigger EC axioms
initiates(enters(O),inFoV(O),T):-enters(O)@T

//hard rule 2: object leaves the FoV-> release EC axioms
terminates(leaves(O),inFoV(O),T):-leaves(O)@T

//hard rule 3: transitive rule between the tracklet and object
trklet(Trk,O)@T:-trk(Trk,B)@T,iSO(B,O).
//hard rule 4: transitive rules between the tracklet and object
iSO(B2,O):-iSO(B1,O),trk(Trk,B1),trk(Trk,B2),B1!=B2.

//hard rule 5: constraint on 1 object with only 1 tracklet
:~trklet(T1,O),trklet(T2,O),T1!=T2.

//hard rule 6: trigger EC trajectory axiom
trajectory(trklet(Trk1,O1),T1,trklet(Trk2,O2),T2):-T=T1+T2,
ends(Trk1)@T, starts(Trk2) @ T, starts(Trk1) @ T1.

//hard rule 7: trigger EC antitrajectory axiom
antiTrajectory(trklet(Trk,O),T1,occl(O),T2):-occl(O)@T,
not trklet(Trk,O)@T, T=T1+T2,T2>0

//hard rule 8: trigger EC antitrajectory axiom
antiTrajectory(occl(O),T1,trklet(Ttr,O),T2):-trklet(Trk,O)@T,
T=T1+T2, T2>0
```

Hard rules are traditional logic rules

## soft-rules.ssr

```
//soft rule 1: detect vehicles entering FoV
enters(O)@T :- det(B,car,S),iSO(B,O), not inFoV(O)[5 sec], S>=0.8.

//soft rule 2: detect vehicles leaving FoV
leaves(O)@T:-not det(B,car,S)@T[5 sec], iSO(B,O),
not inFoV(O)[5 sec], S>=0.8.

//soft rule 3: emulate SORT algorithm
iSO(B1,O) :- trk(T1,B1)@T, det(B2,O1,S) @ T,
trklet(T1,O), iou(B1,B2).

// soft rule 4: emulate DeepSORT algorithm
iSO(B1,O) :- trk(Trk1,B1) @ T, vMatch(B1,B2), iSO(B2,O),
trklet(Trk2,O), ends(Trk2)@Te, T<Te+3,
trk(Trk2,O2)@Te in [5 sec].

//soft rule 5: detect occlusion events
occl(O)@T1:-trk(Trk1,B1)@T2, trk(Trk2,B2), trklet(Trk1,O)@T2,
Trk1!=Trk2,iou(B1,B2), ends(Trk1)@T1,T1=T2+1.
```

All soft rules will be learnt to assign weights

# Hard rules as knowledge-driven constraints

- ❖ Common Sense knowledge
  - Event Calculus :
    - Axioms to enforce the Law of inertia
    - Axioms on Trajectory, cause and effects, etc
  - Spatial and temporal reasoning rules: RCC-5, RCC-8, etc
- ❖ Domain-specific knowledge
  - Object motion constraints and patterns
  - Optical laws, e.g. optical flow
  - **Expert Knowledge embedded in Objects, Buildings and Roads**



# Soft rules as association hypotheses (if-then rules)

$$\omega : \alpha \leftarrow \beta$$

weight to be learnt

The rule to trigger the event "a car enters the Field of View of a camera"

30 :  $\alpha$   $\leftarrow$   $\beta$

- det(B,car,S) → a detected car at bounding box B with a confidence score S
- iSO(B,O): a bounding box B is a sample of object O (sosa:isSampleOf)
- inFoV(O): object O is in the Field of View

logic rule with *sliding windows*

```
//soft rule 1: detect vehicles entering FoV
enters(O)@T :- det(B,car,S), iSO(B,O), not inFoV(O)[5 sec], S >= 0.8.
```

Rule Language of Answer Set Programming

CQELS-RL rules : SHACL+ SPARQL-star +sliding windows

```
//soft rule 1: detect vehicles entering FoV
ssr:rule_w_1 a sh:NodeShape;
sh:rule [
  a sh:CQELSRule;
  sh:prefixes ssr: ;
  sh:construct """
  CONSTRUCT { <<?O :enters <ssr:FoV>> .@ ?T.}
  WHERE {
    STREAM <:ssr> {
      <<?Dt :det ?B >>@ ?T; .hasConfScore ?S.
      ?B sosa:isSampleOf ?O; a :car.
      FILTER (?S >= 0.8)
    }
    NAF STREAM <:ssr> window[5 sec] {
      ?O :inFoV ssr:FoV.
    }
  }
}
```

# A semantic reasoning program in CQELS-RL



Syntaxes and rules are long and error-prone

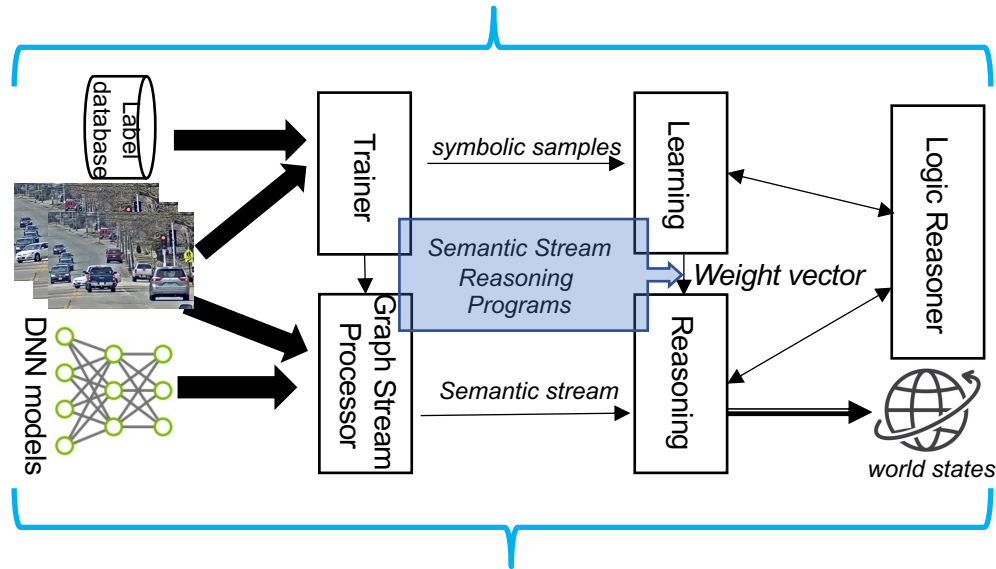
Can we automate it?

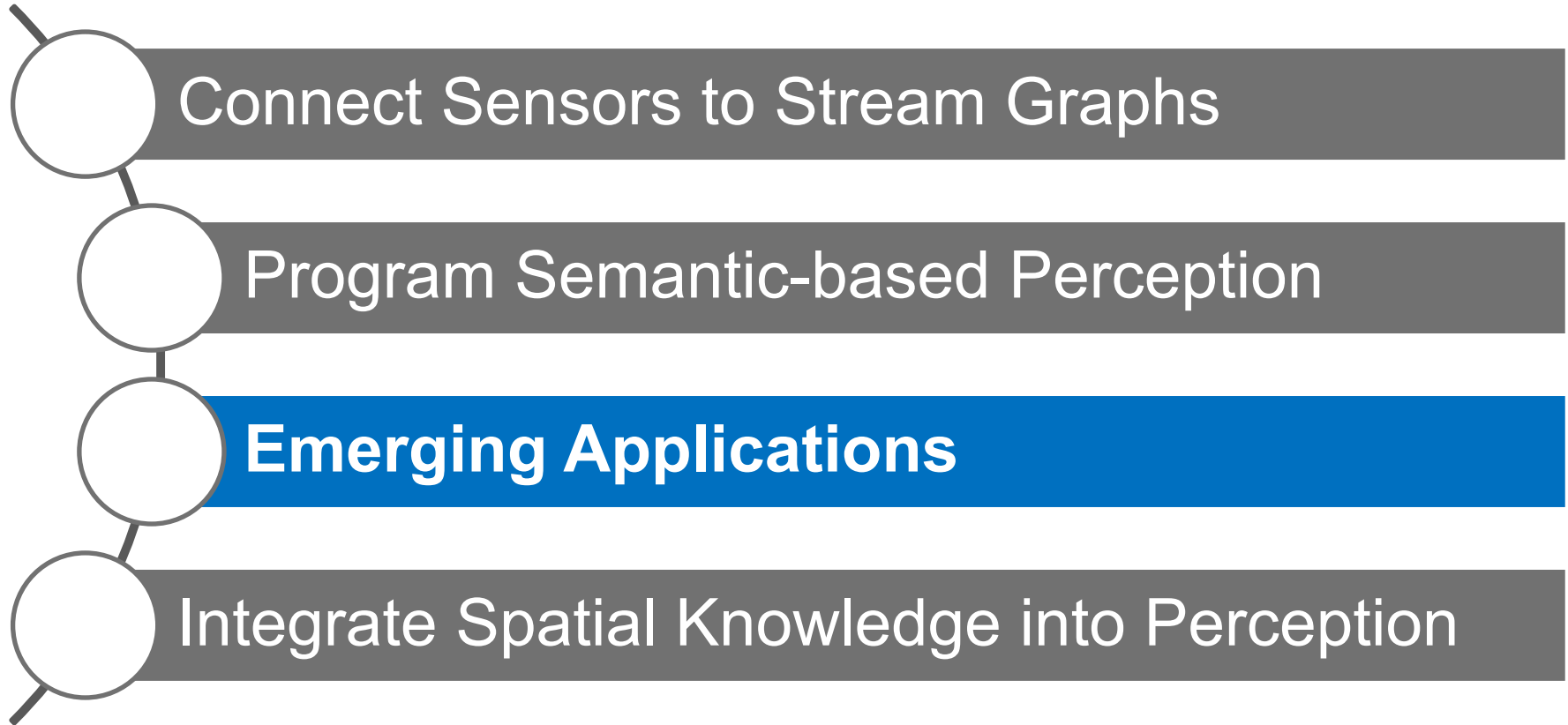
Use language model+ Semantic graphs

Reasoning program integrates both SORT and DeepSORT for Multi Object Tracking across Multiple Cameras

# Semantic Stream Reasoning Framework

Learning phase: set weights based on labelled stream → scalable learning algorithms





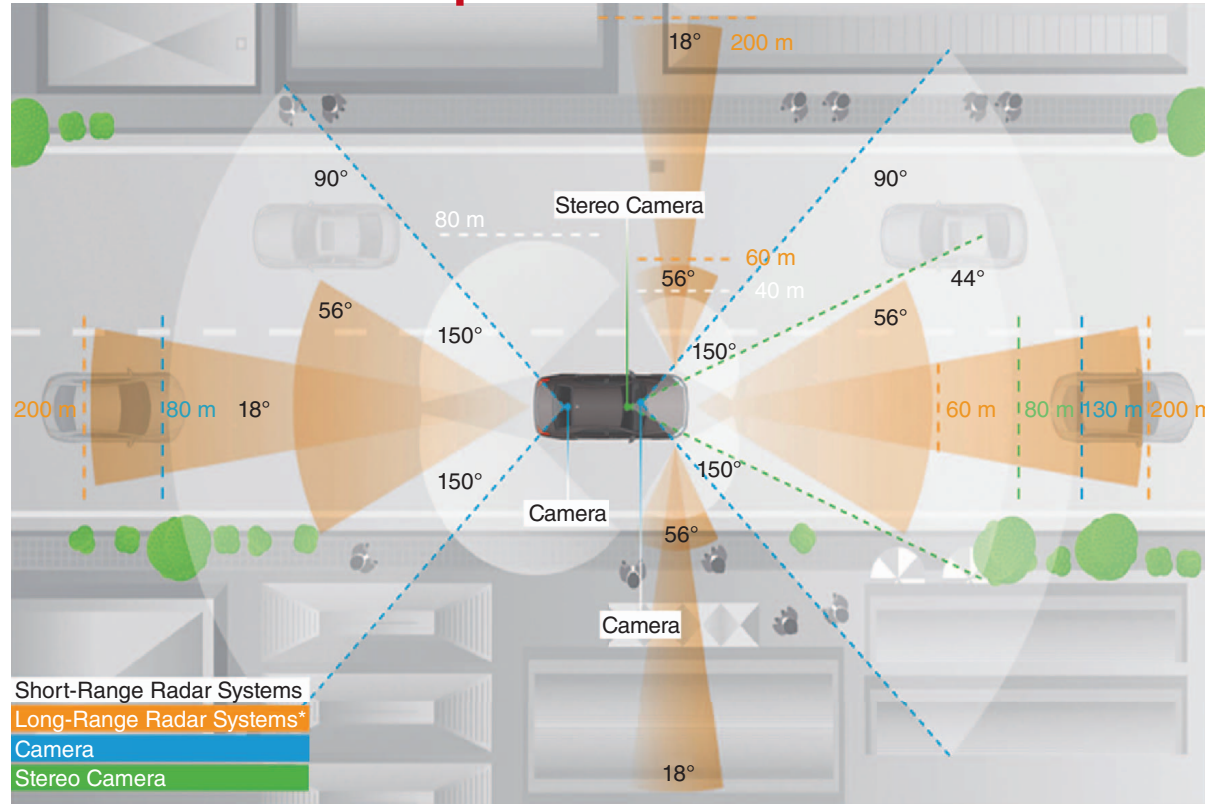
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**Emerging Applications**

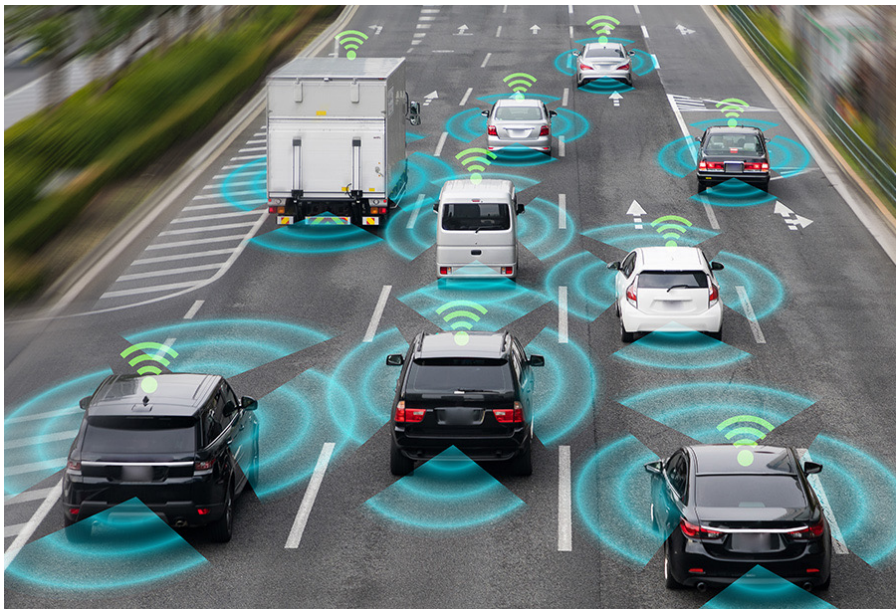
Integrate Spatial Knowledge into Perception

# Perception of Ego-Vehicle: In-Vehicle sensors provide limited view of the world



## Mercedes-Benz S-Class S 500 INTELLIGENT DRIVE

# Cooperative Perception for ADAS and ITS : V2X and I2V



V2V: Vehicle to Vehicle



I2V: Infrastructure to Vehicle

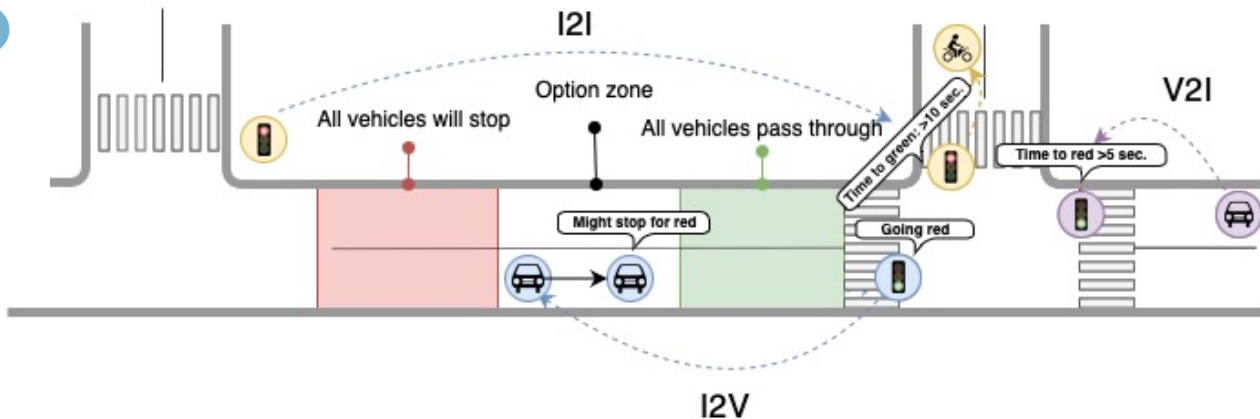
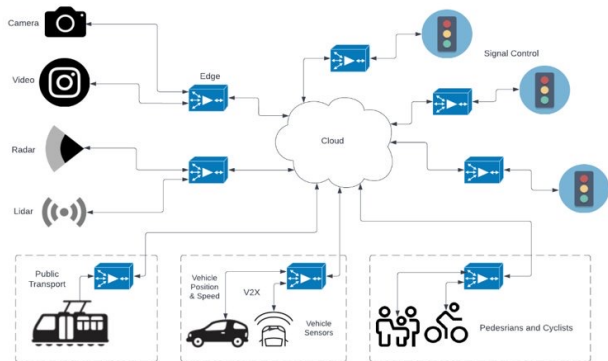
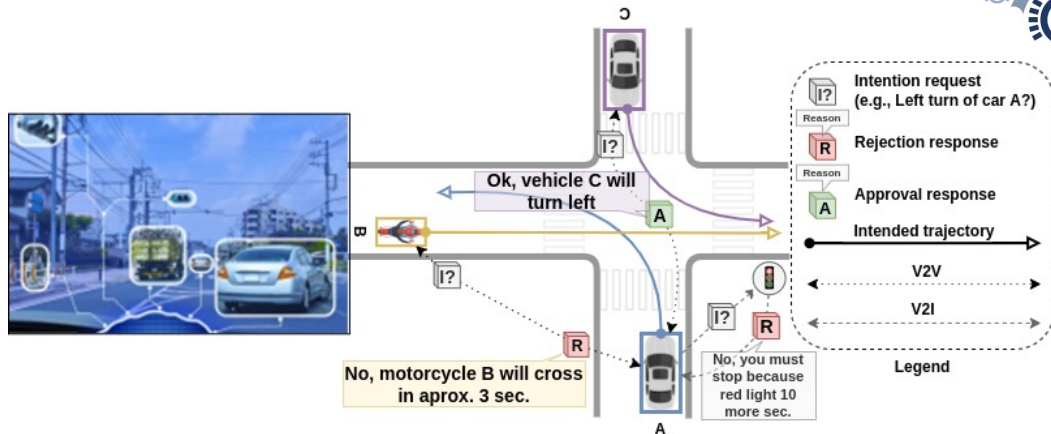


# Distributed Semantic Streams for ADAS and ITS : V2X, I2I and I2V



## Enhance Vehicle's Perception with V2I data streams

- Intersection Movement Assist with explainable messages
- Participants send intentions and get data-supported feedback that explains the reason why they are either approved or rejected. For example, Car A intends to turn left while Motorcycle B has the priority

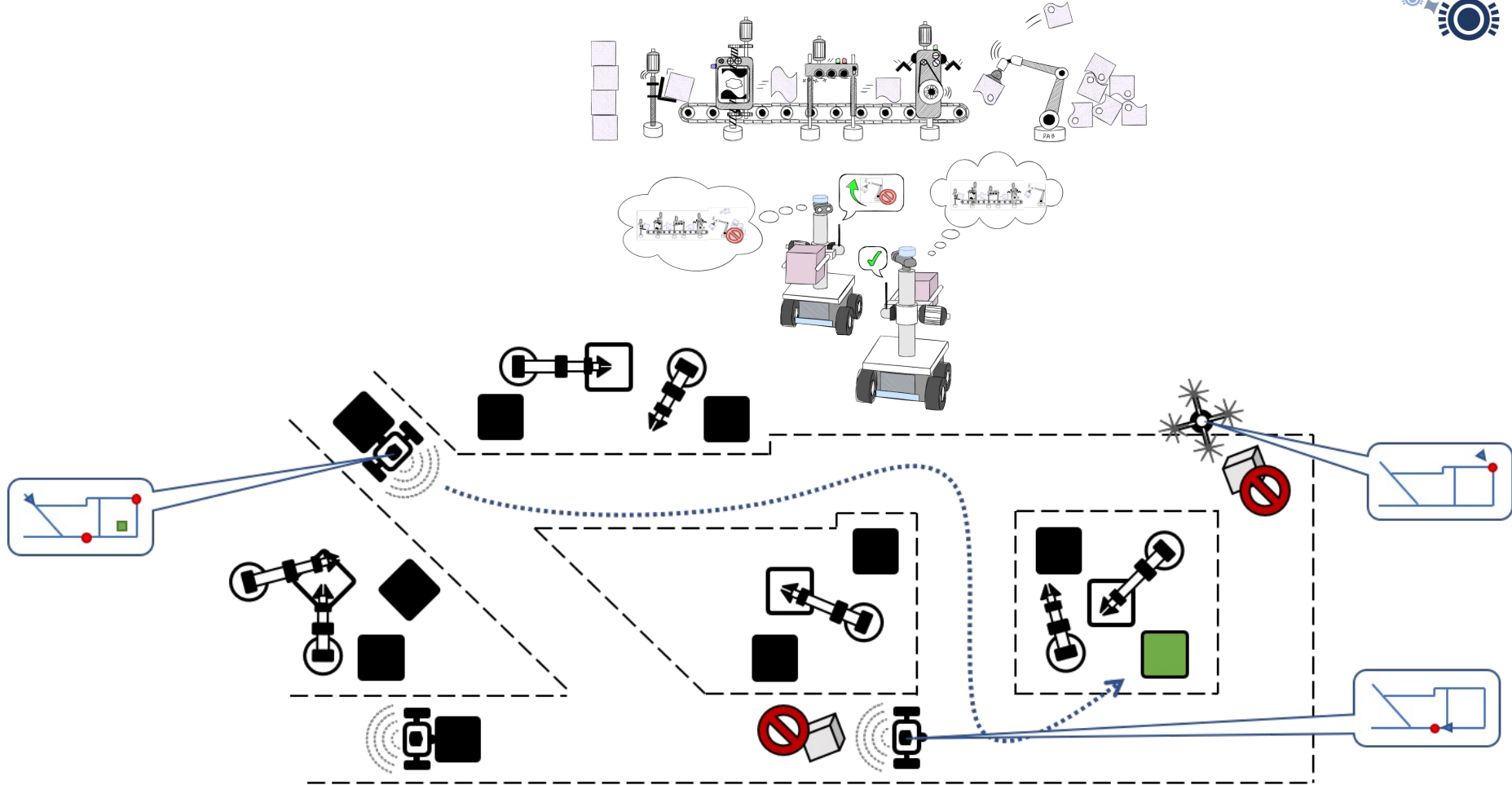
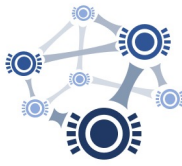


## Enhance Intersection's Perception with I2I and I2V data streams

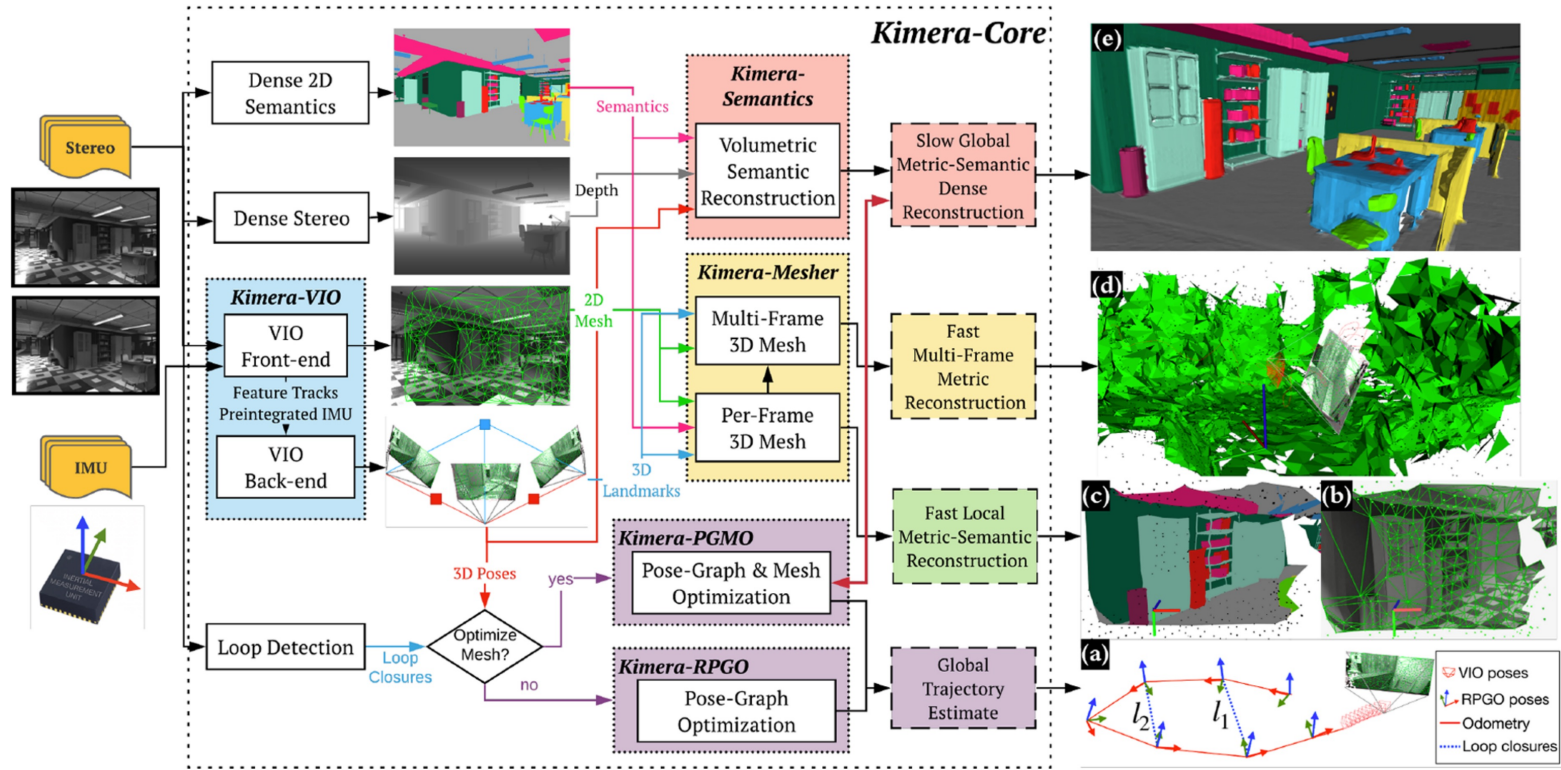
- Active option zone protection system based on swarm



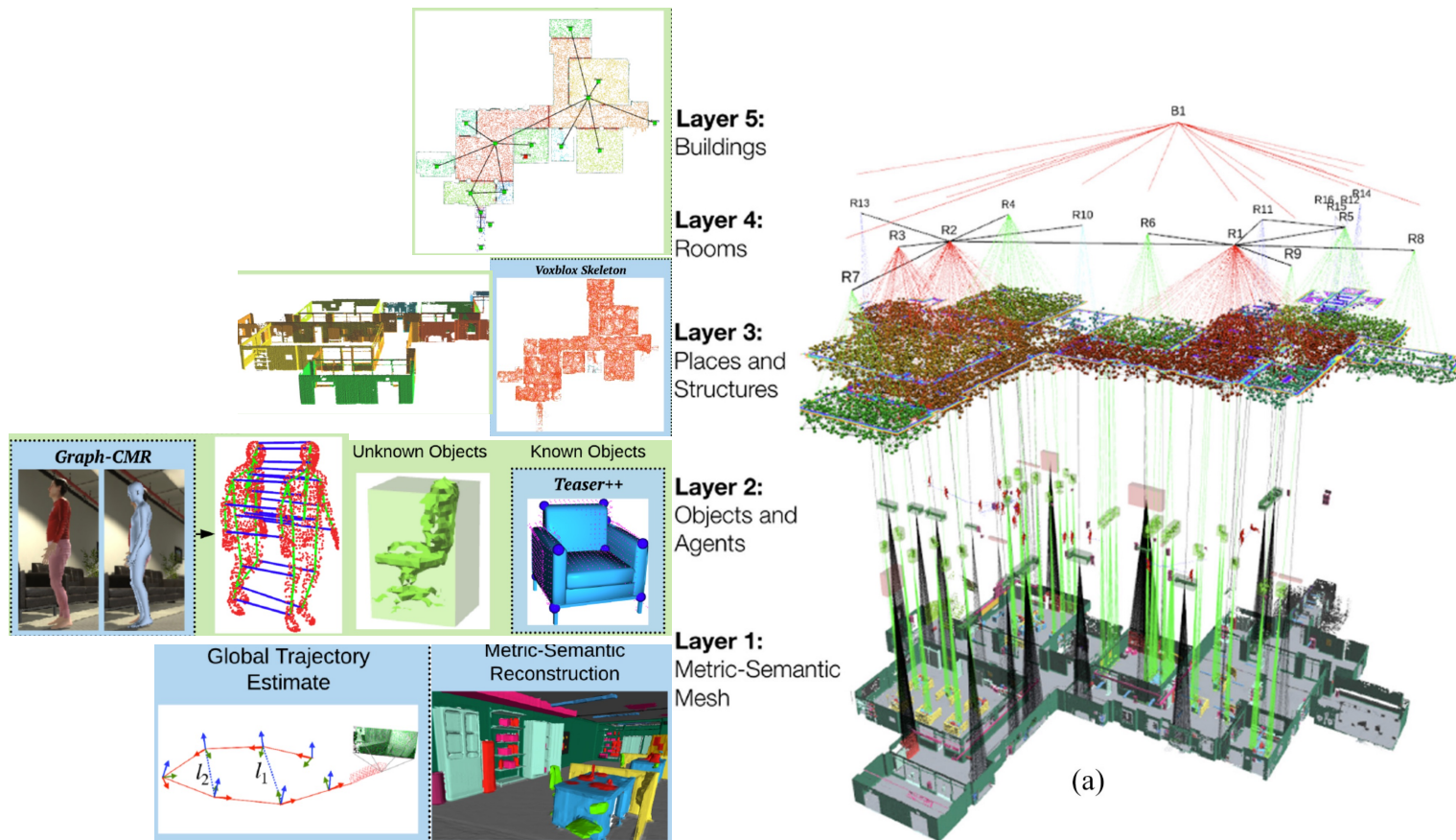
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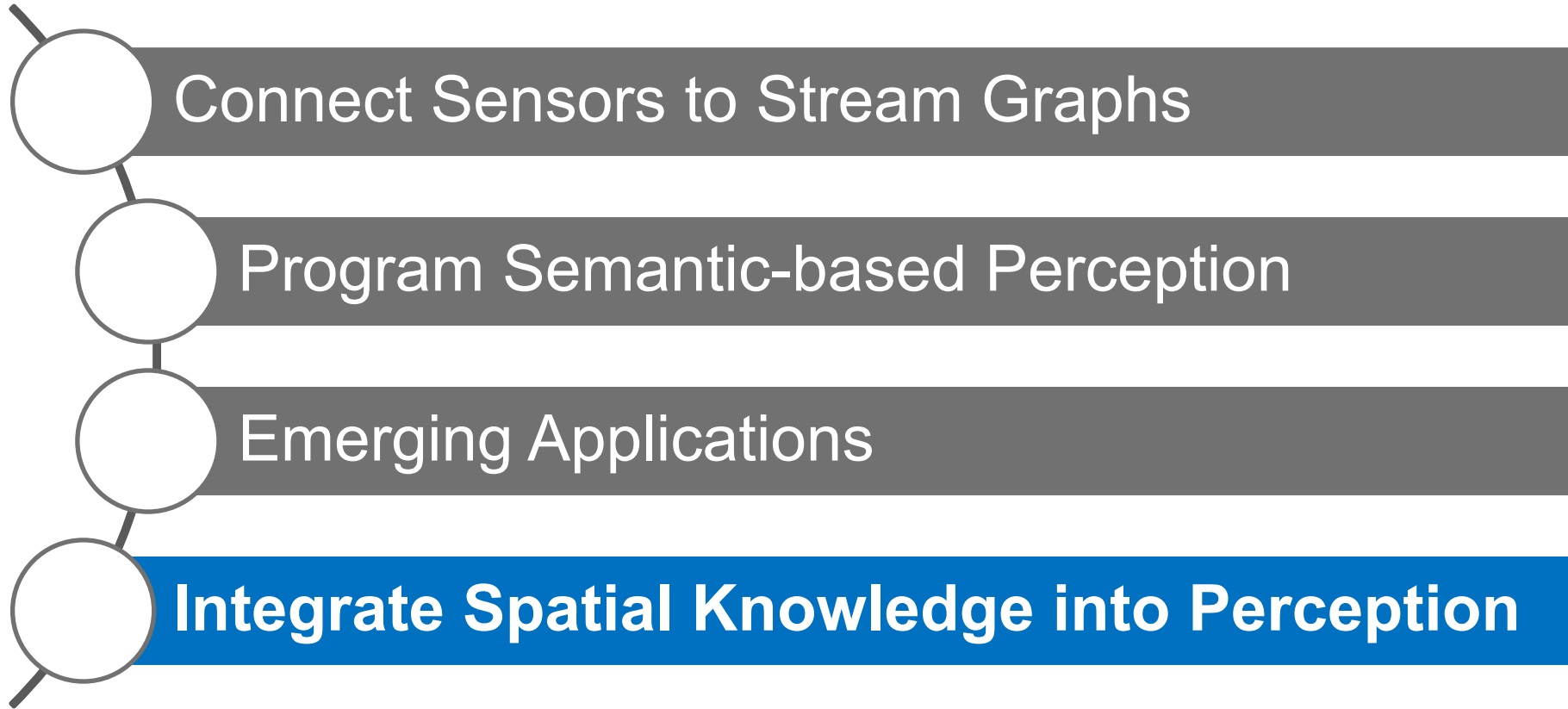


# Integrate SLAM Components to Build Semantic Streams in ROS

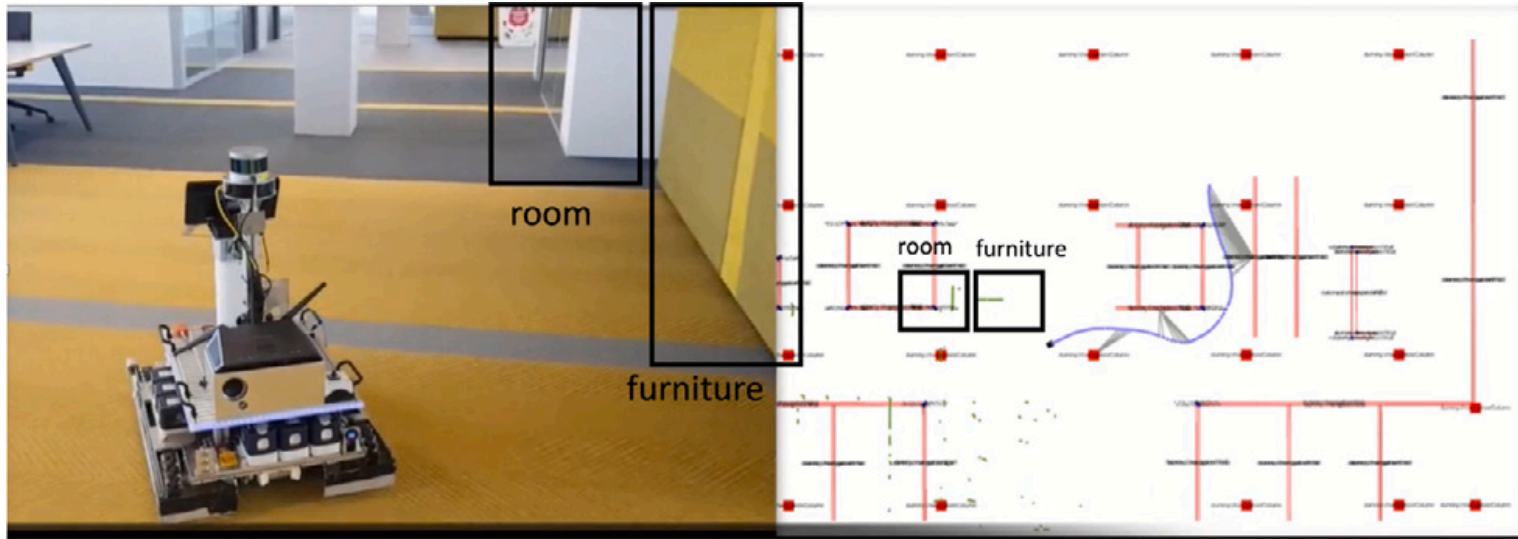
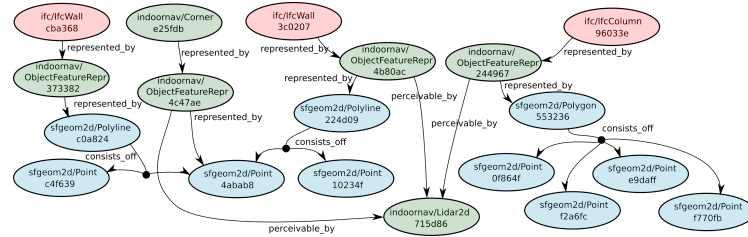


# Fuse Different Semantic Abstraction Levels of Semantic SLAM



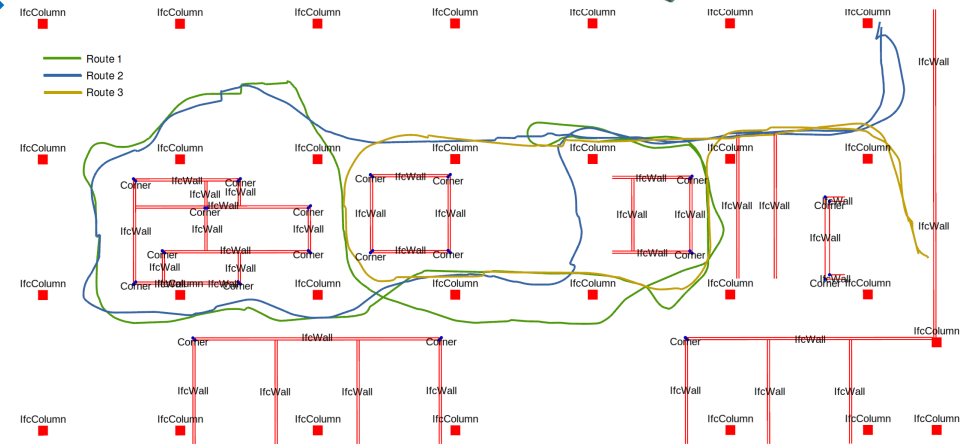
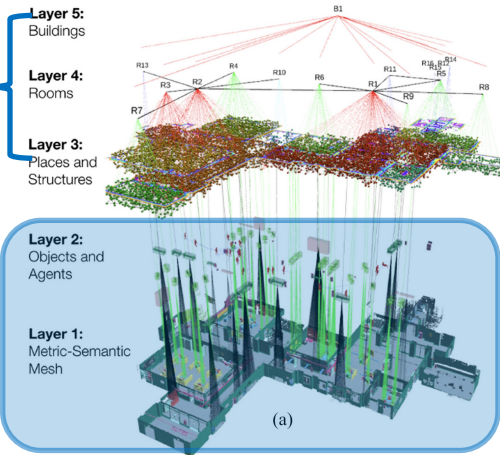
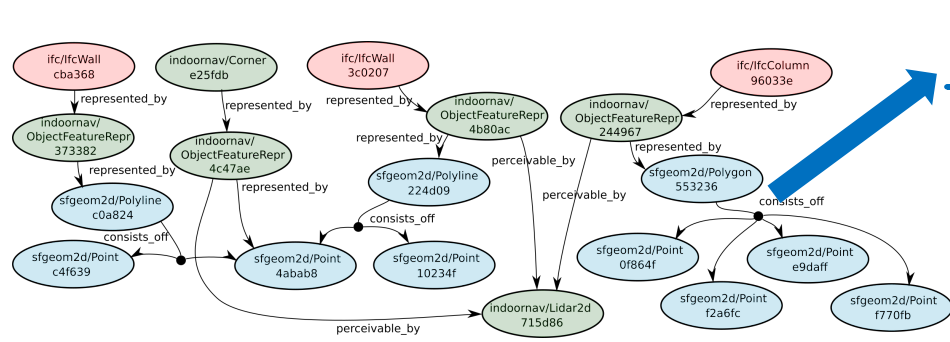


# Semantic SLAM can use Semantic Building Information

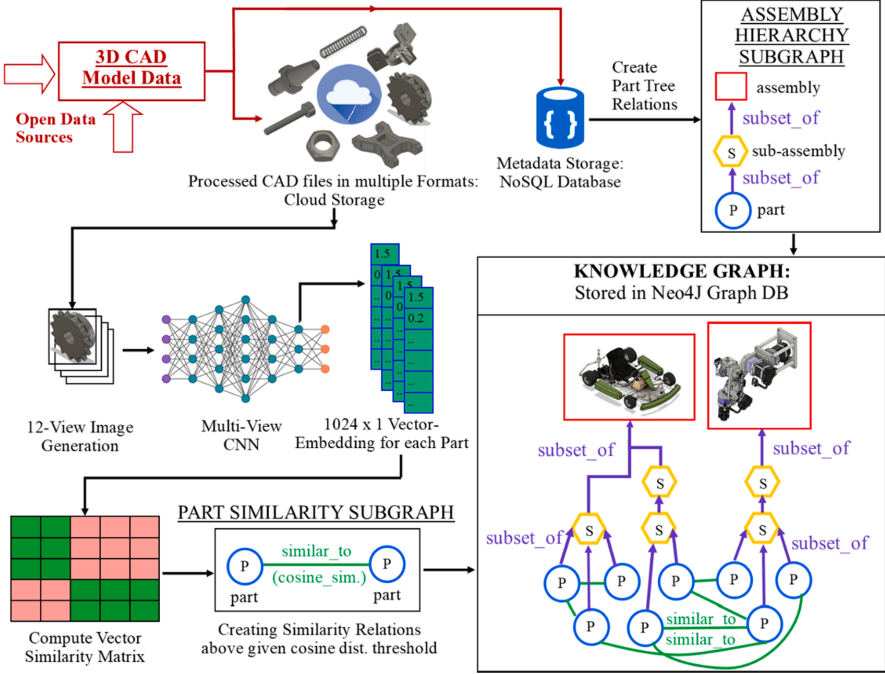




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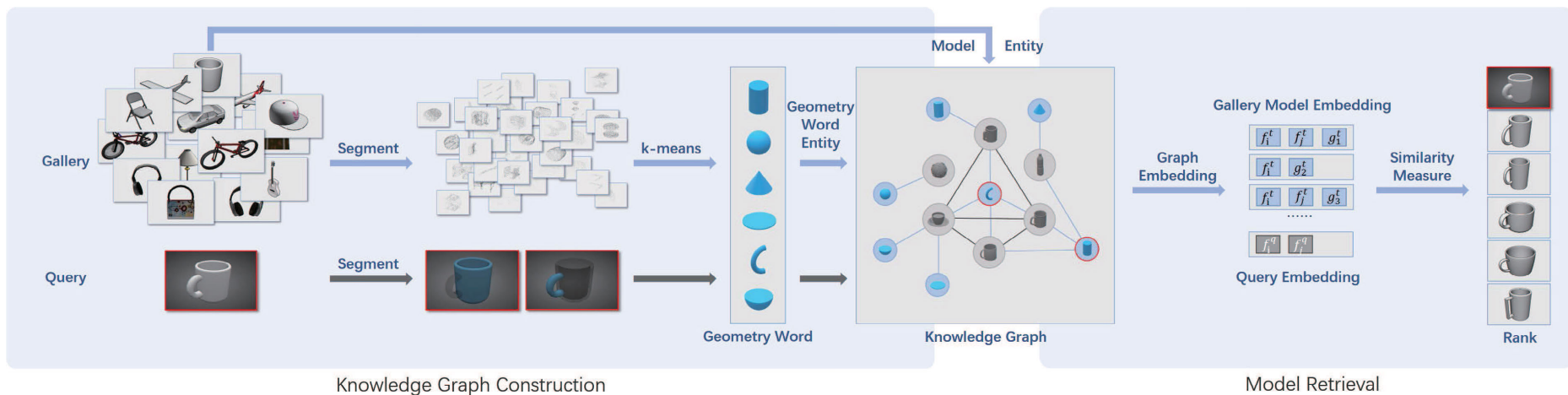


# 3D CAD Models Can Be Extracted to Knowledge Graph

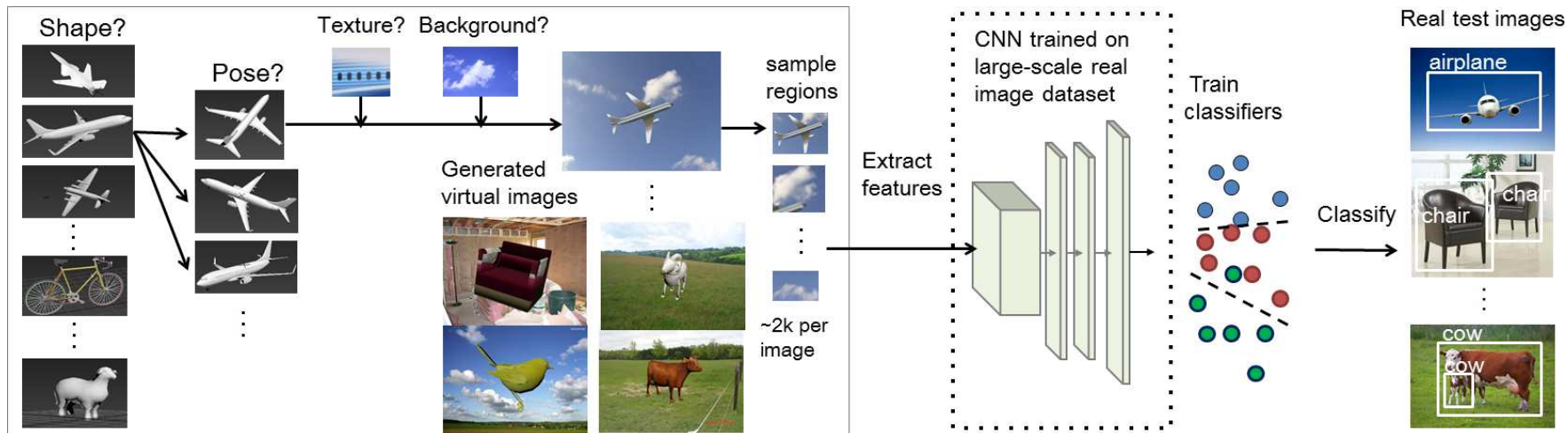




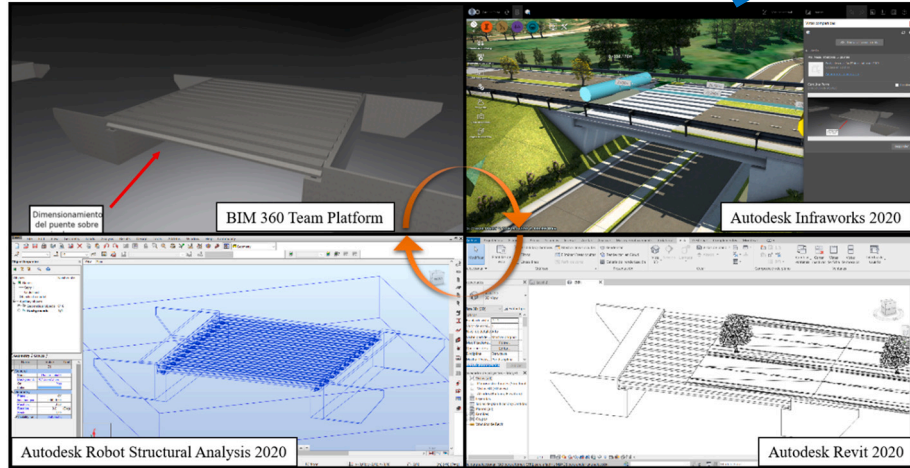
# 3D Shape Knowledge Can Be Queried with SPARQL?



# 3D CAD models as Priors for training 3D object detectors

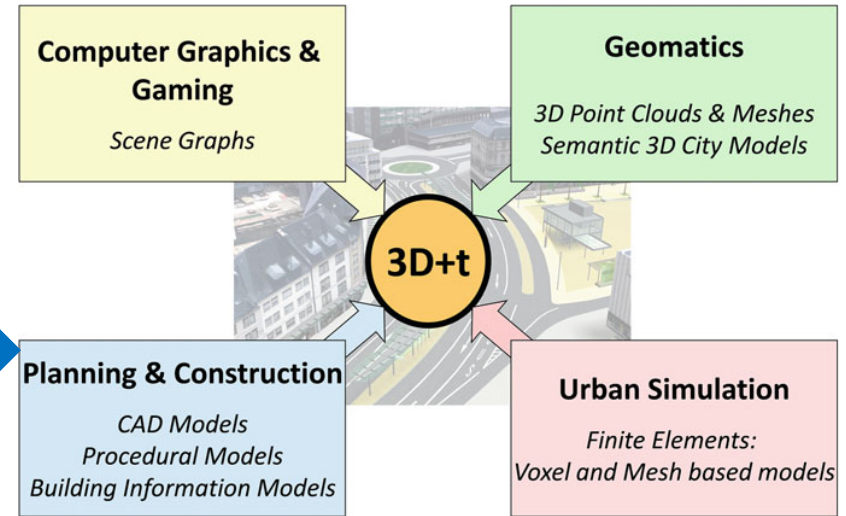
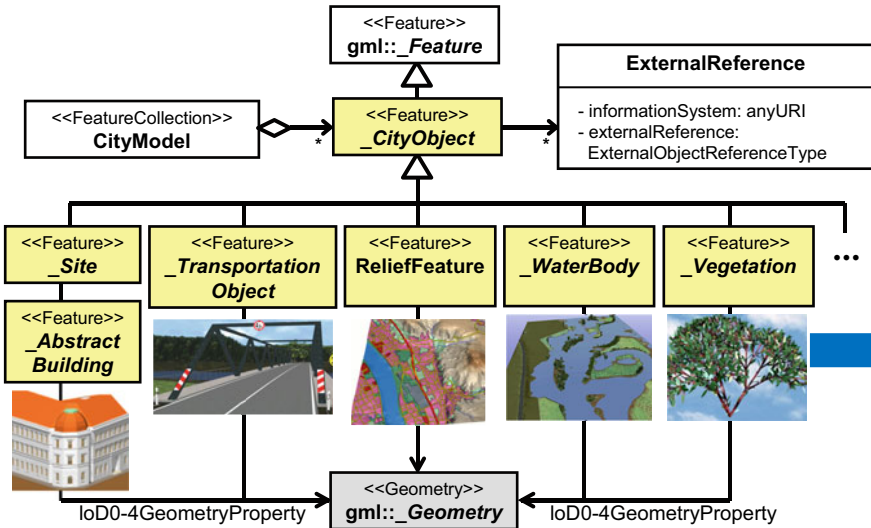


# How about BIM for Roads?



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# And Semantic City Models?



**BIM+ CityGML?**

CityGML with Open 3D city models: <https://www.3dcitydb.org/>

# **Can Spatial Knowledge be used to build better Perception Systems?**

Beyond Large Language Models !!!

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